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EXAMINER:

FOR: NEGATIVE ELECTRODE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR BATTERY, ANODE  
CAN FOR BATTERY, ZINC NEGATIVE PLATE FOR BATTERY,  
MANGANESE DRY BATTERY AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING  
SAME

**LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Chinese Office Action (with English translation) for the  
Examiner's consideration. The reference cited therein has been previously filed on May 8, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

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